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Agricultural **Summary:** For the week ending October 31, 2010, harvest continued at an above average pace as warm, windy conditions prevailed during the week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest advanced to 88 percent complete, more than 3 weeks ahead of Soybean completion harvest neared 98 percent, and sorghum reached 78 percent. With grain coming in quickly, elevators have been challenged to handle and store the large quantities of grain. In the west, sugarbeet harvest was winding down. Fall field work such as fertilizer application and tillage continues on harvested fields. Cattle have been grazing corn stalks.

Weather Summary: Light precipitation fell early in the week across the state. The Northeast and North Central Districts averaged the most moisture at .85 and .54 of an inch respectively. Temperatures averaged 1 degree above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the upper 70's while lows were recorded mostly in the 20's and even fell into the teens in the Southwest District.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska Week Ending October 31, 2010

Nebraska, Week Ending October 31, 2010							
	This	Last	Last	Aver-			
	Week	Week	Year	Age			
		Per	cent				
Topsoil							
Very Short	15	12	0	6			
Short	48	50	1	17			
Adequate	37	38	76	69			
Surplus	0	0	23	8			
Subsoil							
Very Short	8	5	1	13			
Short	35	37	8	23			
Adequate	57	57	84	61			
Surplus	0	1	8	3			
Days Suitable	6.2	6.5	1.8	5.1			

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 88 percent complete, well ahead of 18 last year and 52 average. Most of the corn remaining for harvest was in the western half of the state.

Soybeans harvested was 98 percent, well ahead of 68 last year and 86 average.

Sorghum harvested was 78 percent, well ahead of 9 last year and 48 average.

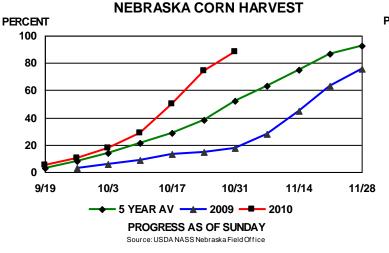
Winter wheat conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 51 fair, 36 good, and 2 excellent, well below last year. Winter wheat emerged was 92 percent, behind last year's 94 and 96 average.

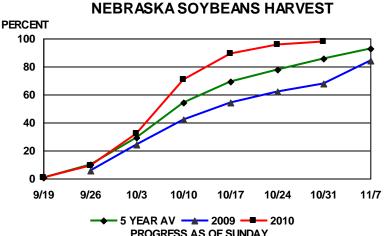
Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 31, 2010

Crop	This	Last	Last	Aver-
Сюр	Week	Week	Year	age
		Perc	ent	
Corn Harvested	88	74	18	52
Sorghum Harvested	78	52	9	48
Soybeans Harvested	98	96	68	86
Winter Wheat Emerged	92	91	94	96

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 53 good, and 8 excellent, below year ago levels.

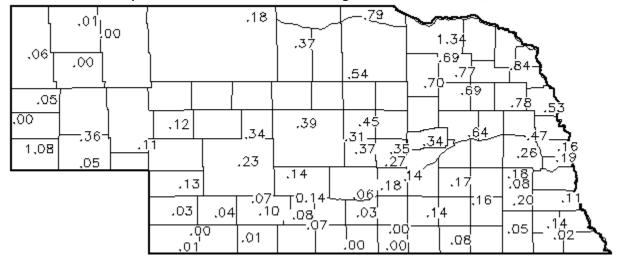
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_& Condition/cmts_cur.htm





Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 31, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - October 31, 2010

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Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.23	0.54	0.85	0.26	0.28	0.06	0.02	0.07
Total since April 1	14.70	23.93	27.59	25.07	27.91	19.12	24.87	25.40
Normal since April 1	13.70	17.76	21.56	19.79	23.32	16.79	19.51	24.34
Total as % of normal	107%	132%	128%	126%	119%	113%	127%	104%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, October 31, 2010

		Week Ending Su	nday, October 31,	2010				
		Temperature						
	Station	Extr	remes	A	Description			
		High Low		Average	Departure			
NW	Alliance	70	26	45	+1			
	Scottsbluff	77	20	47	+2			
	Sidney	78	23	46	+1			
NC	Ainsworth	79	28	47	+1			
	Arthur	78	28	47	+1			
	O'Neill	72	28	45	-1			
NE	Concord	68	26	45	-2			
	Elgin	67	25	45	-2			
	West Point	72	26	47	-1			
C	Grand Island	71	27	48	+2			
	Lexington	70	26	47	+1			
	Ord	67	28	47	+1			
EC	Central City	72	22	48	+2			
	Lincoln	74	29	51	+3			
	Mead	73	26	49	0			
SW	Champion	75	19	47	+1			
	Dickens	74	24	46	+1			
	McCook	75	27	49	+3			
SC	Minden	71	26	49	+2			
	Red Cloud	74	27	51	+4			
	Smithfield	69	27	47	+1			
SE	Beatrice	73	28	50	+1			
	Clay Center	75	27	49	+2			
	Nemaha	72	31	53	+4			

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office